



The Anvil

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St. Paul AME Church
Lay Organization

**3rd Quarter 2019 – July, August,
September**

*Moving from Church to Ministry - "...for the
people worked with all their heart." -
Nehemiah 4:6*

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Organization <http://wncclay.org/>
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website](#)



AME Trivia...Did you Know???

1. How many "conferences" are in the AME Church? _____
2. Where will the General Conference be held in 2020 ?

See page 5 for answer!

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Church Family,

Mrs. Hodges and I are elated to return to St. Paul for another conference year and await to see the great things God has in store for us!

As we move from church to ministry, I encourage you to remain actively involved in the many activities we have here at St. Paul. If you are not already involved in an auxiliary, I urge you to use your talents to serve our community as we continue to provide communion and fellowship beyond the walls of St. Paul. *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace (1Peter 4:10).* God has stationed each of you at this church because He has great things He wants us to accomplish. It's exciting to serve God, step out in faith and do what He has called you to do.

Let's begin this conference year journey by continuing to trust God and let the Holy Spirit lead us. I promise you, your life will not be the same! All you have to do is ask, believe, and receive! Remember to give your fears and worries to God and trust Him. *Philippians 4:13 tells us that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.* What a wonderful promise!

May God keep you in his warm and comforting embrace.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Robert L. Hodges, Sr.

First Lady's Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am thankful that God saw fit to return us to St. Paul. As we move forward in Christian stewardship lets continue to love one another. As people of God, we must forge ahead to serve and work for Him by being obedient and faithful to His word. By following this command, we will be an inspiration to all of God's people. By reading and studying His word we increase our faith and share our testimony.

Paul reminds us that every believer has a unique place and function in the body of Christ. Therefore, you are important to St. Paul. Without you and your dedication to this historic church we could not function nearly as well. God has already moved and blessed us spiritually. Let us use our gifts to glorify and honor God as we continue His kingdom building.

God Bless,

Delores Hodges

Lay Organization News

[Click Here](#) to get the latest issue of The Lay Express and stay informed on important event dates and empowering news for the National AME Lay Organization!



St. Paul AME Church 402 West Edenton St., Raleigh

The St. Paul AME Lay Organization

is comprised of the laity (non-clergy) of the church. It operates on all levels of the church: local church, conference, district and connectional

levels. The local activities include A.M.E. training at monthly meetings, outreach projects of quarterly birthday parties at the Salvation Army Shelter for women and children and a quarterly food drive for the Alliance of AIDS/HIV Food Pantry.

Current St. Paul AME Lay President is Carol Davenport All members of St. Paul AME Church are encouraged to become Lay Organization Members. Annual Membership is just \$10, Meetings are usually the 1st Monday of each month, September through June at 6:30 pm.

Highlights from the Women's Missionary Society Brunch on June 29th, 2019

The Addie G. Stroud WMS hosted it's first Women's

Empowerment Brunch, Saturday, June 29, 2019 at

the Raleigh Convention Center. Keynote speaker, North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Beasley challenged the audience to "Transform Our Communities" by



partnering with judicial programs and promoting reading in schools.

St. Paul 2019 Inaugural Golf Tournament



On May 18th, 2019 the Board of Trustees of St. Paul AME Church located in Raleigh, NC hosted its 2019 Inaugural Golf Tournament.

The location was the pristine Reedy Creek Golf Course located in Four Oakes, NC.

It was a beautiful day for an inaugural event. Temperatures hovered around the 85-90-degree mark with a periodic slight breeze and an endless supply of sunshine.

With a few friends from Wake County and the surrounding counties, fun and fellowship was had by all and the event went off without a hitch.

The Board of Trustees wish to thank all our sponsors, friends and church family for their support, and our golf friends (old and new) for their participation. We couldn't have done it without you!

To God Be the Glory for the Things He Has Done! See you next year...

Bro. Charles R. Williams – Tournament Committee

Rev. Robert L. Hodges, Pastor

Link to our Gallery page to view photos and video of the Golf Tournament!

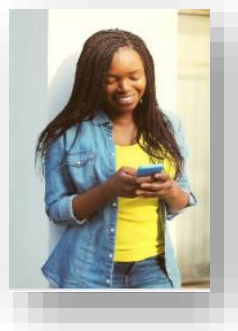
<http://www.spgolftournament.org/gallery.html>



Note: Many thanks to St. Paul AME youth member Kolby Caudle who took the pictures and video.



Coming Soon...St. Paul 1st Community Outreach App



Please complete our survey, online at <https://bit.ly/2WlrvQ1> on complete the form in the church lobbies.

Your answers will help us create a **FREE**

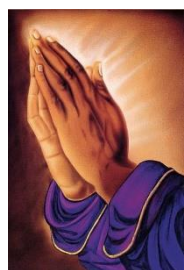
mobile app that will bless, Inform, and Empower our users, as we promote St. Paul's mission, "moving from Church to Ministry - for the people worked with all their heart." - Nehemiah 4:6

Upcoming Events

- **July 20th – CPR Training, 12:00 noon – 4pm**
- **July 23rd – July 27th YPD Quadrennial Convention, Columbus Ohio, (find website.**
- **July 27th – August 1st WMS Quadrennial Convention, Columbus, Ohio**
- **July 31st – St. Paul AME Quarterly Conference 6:00 pm**
- **August 5th - St. Paul Lay Meeting**

- **August 10th – Lay Conference Meeting -Mt. Sinai AME, Pittsboro, NC @ 10 a.m.**
- **August 11th – St. Paul 171st Church Anniversary.**
- **September 14th WNCC Lay Organization Prayer Breakfast @ 10 a.m.- Macedonia AME Church, Milton, NC**
- **October 5th – Annual Historic Church Walk From 9:00 – 12 noon. Downtown Raleigh, NC. St. Paul is one of the premier churches included in the walking tour.**
- **October 13th – St. Paul Annual Lay Day @ 11a.m. Guest Speaker - Mr. Dwight Patterson.**

Prayer Lines



Adults :
Wednesday 8pm
 Call 712-770-5505 (**new**)
 Access Code: 236251

Youth : Sunday 8pm
 Call 605-472-5703
 Access Code: 596536

Lay Member Spotlight



1 Photo by Andy King

Eleanora E. Tate is the author of eleven published books for children and young adults, including her award winning "The Secret of Gumbo Grove"; "Thank You, Dr. Martin Luther King,

Jr.!"; "Front Porch Stories at the One Room School"; "Celeste's Harlem Renaissance"; and "Just an Overnight Guest", which was adapted into a television movie. She also wrote "The Minstrel's Melody", in the American Girl History Mysteries series.

A former professor of children's literature at North

Carolina Central University, Durham, and a former instructor with the Institute of Children's Literature, West Redding, CT, she was on the faculty of Hamline University's MFA program "Writing for Children and Young Adults" at St. Paul, MN from 2009 to 2014.

For the past five years Ms. Tate has been one of the strongest supporters of St. Paul AME's YES Arts Program and instrumental in its participation in the N. C. Museum of History's annual African American Cultural Celebration (AACC), of which she has been a member of its planning committee and serves as a co-host of its Literature and Spoken Word festivities.

Ms. Tate is a Zora Neale Hurston Award recipient, the highest award given by the National Association of Black Storytellers, Inc., of which she is a former national president. In 1990 the South Carolina State Senate and House honored her for her literary and community activism. She loves to relax by gardening, going to movies and festivals, and she loves the Lord and her church.

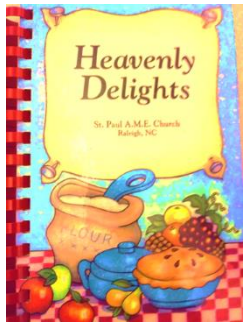
You often see her quietly supporting its many programs.

NEW WEBSITE PAGES

We are adding the following two pages to our website to provide more information to our membership:

1. **AT YOUR SERVICE:** Listings of services and products available through members of St. Paul. The entries will be setup in a business card size listing.
2. **ST. PAUL COMMUNITY BILLBOARD:** Will be a listing of community/ area church events that might be of interest to our members. If you would like to participate in either of these, please call the church office.

Featured Recipe from Heavenly Delights
by St. Paul AME Church, Raleigh NC



Taco Salad pg. 17



Brown 1 pound of hamburger with 1 small (chopped) onion. (I usually add a little taco seasoning to the meat.) When browned, drain and let cool while getting the rest of ingredients ready.

1 ½ head lettuce, break in small pieces.
2 tomatoes, chopped 1 can ripe olives, chopped

1 can red kidney beans, drained
1 green pepper, sliced or diced, to your preference.

1 pkg Doritos taco chips, crushed
Catalina salad dressing

Combine hamburger and other ingredients together but hold off on the Catalina dressing until a few minutes before serving, so chips don't get soggy. Happy eating!

Trivia Question Answers:

1. Annual Church District General Quarterly
2. Orlando, Florida

Next Anvil will be published in October 2019 Please contact Pam Kelly pamkellyrtpsc@gmail.com or Cecilia Johnson cj3227@gmail.com . Submit articles (in MS-Word) and/or event flyers by September 10th!



3rd Quarter
Scholars, 2019

ELEMENTARY

Zy'Meah Cofield, 1st Grade
Danielle Hager, 1st Grade
Landyn Hager, 1st Grade
Kyle Polo, 2nd Grade
Aaliyah Martin, 3rd Grade

MIDDLE

Lauren Cornelius, 7th Grade
Benjamin Taylor, 7th Grade

HIGH SCHOOL

William Daniel Taylor, 12th Grade



Pastor Robert L. Hodges, Sr. and First Lady Delores Hodges. We are so happy on your reconfirmation to serve as our Pastor for another year!

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. Acts 20:28

